



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476
Phone: 781-316-3000

webmaster@town.arlington.ma.us

Selectmen Minutes 06-30-2003

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 6, 2003

7:15 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

1. New Election Workers

Catherine R. Walsh, 96 Milton St., Pct. 4, U
 Natalie A. Carella, 46 Milton St., Pct. 4, D
 June H. Carlon, 10 Iroquois Rd., Pct 8, U
 Marjorie Haddad, 25 Johnson Rd., Pct. 11, U
 Stella Tonry, 345 Park Ave., Pct. 16, U
 Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

Contractor/Drain Layer Renewals

Mrs. Dias moved to table discussion until next meeting.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Request for One-Day Liquor License

Arlington Catholic High School, 3/22/03, AC Gym, 16 Medford St.
 Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

4. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board:

Paul (Paulo) Marinelli presented two issues: 1) A snow removal pilot program discussed last year for removal of snow from Alewife to Arlington Center on the bike path. Acting Town Manager Galkowski will research the information concerning the pilot program and get back to the Board. Issue 2) Would like to receive an allocation of CDBG Funds to support the Thermo plastic crosswalks project. He wants to encourage the Board to suppose this effort for a trial of 2 to 3 crosswalks. Mr. Hurd recalls from a prior meeting the trial project being approved. Acting Town Manager Galkowski will research this project and get back to the Board. Mr. Greeley advised Mr. Marinelli to be prepared with a dollar figure and a formal proposal to submit a formal CDBG request to the Board during the request time (March/April).

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8:00 p.m.

5. For Discussion: Feasibility Study/Alewife Army Corps of Engineers Project

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

6. For Discussion: Alewife Master Plan

Daniel Driscoll, Project Planner, MDC

7. For Discussion: Terms of All Alcohol and Beer and Wine Licenses

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

8. For Approval: Payment of Sales Tax Collected on Merchandise Sold

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

9. For Approval: Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

10. For Discussion: Symmes Hospital

Charles Foscett, Chair, Symmes Advisory Committee

Mr. Foscett reported the 2 phases of the Symmes project: 1) design phase and 2) impact analysis – where the project is now. The Committee has completed a Town wide survey, 3 public meetings, meetings with Vision 2020 and Town Officials, along with establishing a set of high viability uses that are wanted.

The desired uses are:

Enhance/maintain medical uses

Affordable housing

Public uses

Commercial uses

And to break even.

From this list of criteria the BHB has come up with 3 alternatives, which are currently in the impact analysis phase. Research showed that there is not a great deal of interest for new medical practices.

Recommendation is for developing a Wellness Center including medical practice, nutrition, preventive specialists, and physical facilities (i.e., rehab and athletics) and there is 90,000 sq. feet available for this.

Affordable Housing research showed that in order for anything viable an area of 300-400 sq. feet is needed for the Town to break even yet, right now there's 200 sq. feet with 50% open space. The BHB architectural team reports on 2 conditions; 1) the present market is not good for strong commercial development (there is much available open commercial space surrounding Arlington) and 2) the existing building is not compatible to renovation for the usage desired in the studies. The goal of the Symmes project cost not impacting the tax rate for sometime but instead have a positive effect needs to be figured into the decision made by Town Meeting. Alan McClennen through management savings has saved \$700,000 a year concerning the Symmes property.

Correspondence Received

Jane Wallis Gumble Executive Order 418 Housing Certification FY 2003 Be Rec'd
Dept. Housing &
Community Dev.

J. James Marzilli Home Rule Legislation Be Rec'd
State Representative

Ron Fitzgerald Budget bulletin Be Rec'd
Superintendent
Minuteman

Corinne Beckwith Alewife Area Master Plan Be Rec'd

Arlington Conservation
Commission

Belmont Board of MDC/Alewife area Be Rec'd
Selectmen

Michael Brown Plowing & sanding bike path Be Rec'd
10 Brattle Ter.

Nancy T. Galkowski, Boards/Commissions-Terms to Expire Be Rec'd
Acting Town Manager

Leo Wilson AT&T Broadband internet concerns Be Rec'd
13 Mill St.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Galkowski informed the Board that this Friday Cable would have limited access 8:30-10:30.

Mr. Maher requested that the Board submit all articles before print. The last day is the next B.O.S. meeting and needs a majority from the Board. Mr. Lyons asked for Mr. Maher to insert an article by the Selectmen to follow Home Rule Petition to license, own, and operate a package store. Mrs. Dias asked Mr. Maher to insert an article about a joint powers agreement (Cambridge-Arlington-Belmont) relative to issues surrounding flooding at the Rte. 2 Alewife area.

Mr. Hurd wanted to acknowledge death of John Powers, age 54, who died of a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Hurd would like a formal motion pertaining to the MDC exploring the possibility of changing the bike path to the other side. He will draft and send a letter to the MDC.

Mr. Hurd moved action to hire a second intern to finish the term of the first intern, Ed Star.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Greeley wanted to know what open positions are going to be filled? Mrs. Galkowski at this time recommends filling no open positions. She would like to have a budget meeting with the Board , Friday, January 17th at 3:00PM. She would like to discuss her recommendations then. The Selectmen agreed to the meeting.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn meeting.

Executive Session